

28. The process of claim 18, including providing a means to periodically replace and/or renew said growth-culture means.
29. The process of claim 18, including providing a means to situate said means of mutual-exposure entirely on the body of a ruminant animal.
30. The process of claim 18, including providing a means to situate said means of conveyance, but not entire said mutual-exposure means, on a ruminant animal.
31. The process of claim 18 wherein no part of said means of mutual-exposure is situated on a ruminant animal.

REMARKS—General

By the above amendments, applicant has rewritten all claims to conform to the suggestions and requirements presented in the Office Action. Applicant has also submitted a Declaration Under Rule 132 to provide experimental and logistical data demonstrating and confirming the operability of the claimed invention as described.

Amendments Pertaining to “Definiteness” Under 35 U.S.C. 112: Claims 1a, 3, 7, 11, and 12
Claims 1 (step a.), 3, 7, 11, and 12 were objected to as being indefinite under Section 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, claims 1 (step a.), 11, and 12 (here rewritten as claims 18, 25, and 26, respectively) have been rewritten to match the wording kindly suggested by the Office Action. Claims 3 and 7 have been cancelled according to the suggestions and requirements enumerated in the Office Action.

Amendments Pertaining to “Enablement” Under 35 U.S.C. 112: Claims 1, 3, 7, and 9
Whereas claims 3, 7, and 9 were objected to as failing to comply with the enablement requirement under Section 112, first paragraph, claims 3, 7, and 9 have been cancelled.

Whereas claim 1 (rewritten herein as claim 18) was said to fail to comply with the enablement requirement for lack of experimental and logistical data, applicant has filed a Declaration Under Rule 132 wherein data has been submitted to address each of the four operability points kindly and clearly put forward by the Office Action, thus confirming the operability of the claimed invention as described and overcoming the grounds for rejection under Section 112.

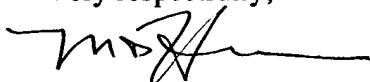
Conclusion

Based on the amendments enumerated above and the data provided in the attached Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. 1.132, applicant respectfully submits that the claims are now in full condition for allowance, which action applicant respectfully solicits.

Conditional Request For Constructive Assistance

Applicant has amended the claims and submitted a Declaration Under Rule 132 so that the claims are now in condition for allowance. If, for any reason, this application is not believed to be in full condition for allowance, applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 2173.02 and § 707.07(j) in order that the undersigned can place this application in allowable condition as soon as possible and without need for further proceedings.

Very respectfully,



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Attachment: Declaration Under Rule 132 Regarding Enablement